

REMARKS

Claim Status:

Claims 1-45 are pending and subject to a restriction requirement. Claims 27 and 29 are elected with traverse, as explained below.

Response to Restriction Requirement:

Applicants provisionally elect with traverse Group VIII, claims 27 and 29, for examination. It is respectfully submitted that the evidence and explanation do not establish a serious burden.

Receipt of an initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

CONCLUSION

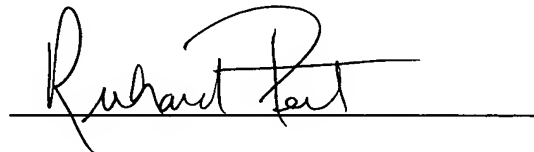
As these remarks address and avoid each rejection presented by the Examiner, withdrawal of each rejection and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

If there are any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is courteously invited to contact the undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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